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Applicant : Mir A. Imran et al.

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DISTAL EMBOLIZATION

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Please amend the above-referenced application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS:

1. [In a] A method for the treatment of [emboli or other] an occlusion in a blood vessel, comprising:

[in which] prior to performing treatment on the occlusion, crossing the occlusion [is crossed by] with a guidewire[, while [the improvement comprising] aspirating [while crossing said occlusion.] blood, so that blood flows past the occlusion; and
treating the occlusion.

2. [In the] The method of Claim 1, [wherein the improvement comprises] comprising aspirating while crossing said occlusion with the guidewire in a proximal to distal direction.